

PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Price, Utah - The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will kick off a new planning effort in January. The area managed by the Price Field Office, which includes all of Carbon and Emery Counties will undergo a resource management planning process.

A new Resource Management Plan (RMP) will be the end result of this process. The RMP serves as a policy guide to the management of the 2.5 million acres of public land. The plan will address such management issues as wildlife, grazing, energy development, wilderness study areas, recreational use, and how all of these uses work together. The plan will address these and other issues and concerns that make management of our public lands a delicate and public process. It is anticipated that this planning effort will take about two years to complete. In compliance with National Environmental Policy Act, an Environmental Impact Statement will also be created.

This land is public land, and belongs to the people of the United States. It is truly a National resource. As a public resource, the planning process will be managed in the public interest, and in a open and public way. As part of this planning process, several public scoping meetings will be held, and your input is always welcome. To kick off this planning effort, a series of six public scoping meetings will be held throughout the area.

The initial public scoping meetings are intended to identify the crucial issues that should be addressed in the plan. These meetings will be held in a workshop style setting, allowing for easy discussion of critical issues. If you are interested in the management of your public lands, and the issues relevant to those lands, please attend one of the workshops. If you are unable to attend a workshop, you are encouraged to submit your comments, concerns, and ideas to the Price BLM Field Office, 125 South, 600 West, Price, Utah 84501, Attention: Floyd Johnson.

Public Scoping Workshops will be held at the following places. All workshops will be at 7:00 PM and last until 9:00 PM.

January 15, 2002, Salt Lake City, Utah - This is the Place State Park, Social Hall, 2200 Sunnyside Avenue

January 16, 2002, Moab, Utah - Ramada Inn Conference Room, 182 South Main Street

January 17, 2002, Grand Junction, Colorado - Grand Vista Hotel, 2790 Crossroads Blvd.

January 29, 2002, Green River, Utah - Green River City Hall

January 30, 2002, Castle Dale, Utah - San Rafael Museum, 64 North 100 East

January 31, 2002, Price, Utah - Holiday Inn Conference Center, 838 Westwood Blvd.

All meetings are open to the public, and offer access in accordance with the American's with Disabilities Act. All input into the plan will be considered regardless of race, religion, ethnic origin, sex, political affiliation, or disability. If you have special accessibility needs, please contact BLM-Price Field Office at the above listed address or at (435)636-3600 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting you will be attending.